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"IT'S A BARGAIN," SAID MR. MORGAN.

Vast Crowds in Attendance at Ehlers' Auction.

COMBINATION BIDS A SUCCESS.

Goods Going for a Mere Song—Chief Hunt Bid Out of His Pajamas. Sale Will be Continued Today. Man With a Quarter Works Hard.

One of the most successful auction sales ever held here took place in the Waverly Block on Saturday and will



GITCHIE, GITCHIE, GONE FOR A DOLLAR.

be continued at 10 o'clock this morning. The stock comprises the damaged goods remaining from the fire at Ehlers store and included everything from a parasol without a cover to bolts of handsome silks.

At 10 o'clock Auctioneer Morgan with G. W. R. King, Albert Lucas and Harry Armitage as assistants started the ball rolling and it rolled until 4 p. m. without a stop. At that hour Mr. Morgan felt the pangs of hunger immediately under the tab on his shirt front and called a halt.

At 7 o'clock the crowds gathered again and the auctioneer held up a bolt of cloth and called for a bid. One man in the audience said "a quarter" and Morgan frowned him into silence. Four dollars was named and Morgan felt encouraged. "I have four dollars offered watchyugivedebunch. Four dollars, four dollars do I get five? Five I have who'll say six? Six I have gitchie, gitchie, gitchie. It's a bargain! Then two ladies started in and bid against each other till twelve dollars was reached and it was sold.

By this time the place was so crowded that fresh air was at a premium and perspiration a glut in the market.

One lady spent twenty minutes examining pieces of lawns and when she had finished she rushed up to a friend and said:

"There's such a lovely piece of dimity over there and I want it. I will start the bid and then you bid and we will keep it up so no one else will get a chance at it and - if you want half of it we'll divide." The piece was put up and the bidding fast and furious until it was finally knocked down to one of the ladies when she discovered that she was adding to the cost of the article with every breath.

"I have here a piece of the finest quality of bengaline. What am I offered? It's a bargain," said the man with a hammer, "and you may never get another fire like this."

"Quarter dollar" said the man with a two bit piece.

"Three dollars" said a woman with an infant in her arms.

"A native with his usual Saturday night jag thought it was spun silk and he bid four. Then Morgan began to

worry the ladies. Such bargains came but once in a life time and then only after a fire. Unfortunately for auction funds fires were not frequent in Honolulu and we might not have another in years.

Under these circumstances the woman with the infant bid six dollars and George King picked up another roll. The piece was sold for nine dollars and Albert Lucas smiled as he passed the dollars over to Armitage. A piece of striped flannelette was put up and the man with the quarter bid on it. Chief Hunt thought it would make good winter pajamas and he bid a dollar. The man with the quarter subsided and Hunt was happy until a prospective bride saw the roll and bid Hunt clear out of his pajamas.

Another roll of cloth was handed over by George King and Morgan described it in absent moments as a piece of white duck discolored by smoke. He was looking for the man with the quarter and didn't know what he was saying. Discovering his mistake he

TESTIMONY FOR DEFENSE BEGINS.

Prosecution Witnesses Called for Captain Good.

ONE SOLDIER FAILS TO RETURN.

Case Continued Tonight—No Apparent Change in the Situation—Good Did Not Like Sailor Drill—Much Conflicting Evidence—Lieut. Coyne.

The court martial was a little too late in getting started Saturday night, but when the work was once started it went booming along. A St. M. Mackintosh was the first witness on the stand.

A. St. M. Mackintosh—Am clerk in the foreign office. Have been employed there eighteen months. Here the Judge Advocate handed in letter marked exhibit "A" to Mr. Mackintosh. Yes I have seen that writing. It came in a package brought by a messenger to the Foreign office about two months ago. It contained a sight similar to the one you just showed to me. The package was addressed to President Dole. Yes, that was the tag on the package. (Here the Judge Advocate filed the tag.) Minister Cooper asked me to telephone to Colonel McLean. He showed me the sight first and Colonel McLean came up. Think that the package was put on the President's desk first. The next time I saw it, the package was in Minister Cooper's office on his desk. Colonel McLean came up shortly after I telephoned.

Cross-examined—Package was done up very carefully. One end the sight was sticking out. It was tied with a string. Did not see the messenger bring it in. Don't remember if the package was stamped. Have no means of fixing the exact date of arrival of the sight. Minister Cooper asked me if I had seen the address on the tag. I said I did and then went to look for it, finding it in the waste-paper basket.

Lieutenant Coyne—Remember something, not distinctly, of remarks by Captain Good in the mess-room regarding reduction of pay. Remember were made generally. Don't know exact time remarks were made by Captain Good. I heard them made by him as well as the other officers. Must have heard them between the 1st and 10th of May for I was off duty after that. Captain Good said that he could do ten per cent. less work. Yes, that he could do less work. This was in general conversation.

Cross-examined—Remarks were general, I passed remarks myself. I said that if I could get better pay outside I would do it.
Re-direct—None of the other officers said that if they got less pay they would do less work.
Captain Ziegler—Captain Good said he would do less work. Some one said he didn't see how he could do it. He said he would find a way.
Cross-examined—Capt. Good seemed to be the only one who spoke about doing less work.
Re-direct—Captain Good was very earnest when he spoke.
Lieutenant Ludewig—Captain Good said he would do ten per cent. less work. Was at table where all the officers were. Think Captain Good spoke seriously. Don't know whether conversation became general afterward.

Cross-examined—Capt. Ziegler made a joke about wages being cut down; this to Phillip, the waiter. (The joke was explained and attorney Robertson wanted to know if that was a joke.) Captain Good joined in here and said he could do better by doing less work. Think he was serious. The officers generally spoke about the reduction, but I cannot remember exactly what they said. Don't know what the other officers thought. For myself I thought that I had to put up with it. Did not express any opinion.
Sergeant Weatherby—When Captain

Good spoke to Colonel McLean he said he examined the guns. He found the sights all there.

Cross-examined—It was the third Tuesday in May that this conversation took place. Inspection by the Minister was next day.

Captain McCarthy—Was called to take part in a Court of Inquiry for the purpose of examination into the matter of receipt of the sight sent to President Dole. Marked the sight and letter Exhibit "A." That is my handwriting on the articles. Captain Good's testimony was taken there. Showed this to Captain Good. Said they were all right.

Here the Judge Advocate asked Captain McCarthy to read the evidence of Captain Good before the Court of Inquiry.

Attorney Robertson said that he would agree to this provided he would be allowed to cross-examine on all the evidence given in the Court of Inquiry. Captain McCarthy stated the substance of Captain Good's testimony as follows: On third Tuesday in May, Captain Good reported to Colonel McLean that a sight was missing. Said no other sight was missing. Asked if sergeant Weatherby had handed him a sight. He first answered "no" and then asked to have that answer corrected. He had received the sight from one of the sergeants, but his memory was very dim in regard to the matter. He was given every opportunity for thought in order to answer the questions.

Cross-examined—(Captain McCarthy read the order for the Court of Inquiry in answer to a question put by attorney Robertson regarding the reason for calling said court.) Minister Cooper stated one day that he had some time in April, received a sight through the mail. He said he had started an investigation but the matter had got so far that he could no longer proceed with the matter. Hence the calling of the court.

Re-direct—Minister Cooper said he thought it was about the 15th. It was either the day before or after the regular monthly inspection. He was not under oath.

A long argument by counsel relative to the plan of cross-examination by Mr. Robertson was ruled by the court to be inadmissible and the prosecution rested.

Private Scott was called for the defense and sworn: Am a member of Company E and have been since March 1895. Was in the office when Captain Good called the members into the office and stated that he would like to know the opinion of the men regarding the shoot. Stated that the government did not seem to appreciate our services. Asked our views and the men were nearly all opposed to it. Do not remember his saying that as the salaries had been reduced 10 per cent. and he would do 10 per cent. less work. Same work has been performed since the reduction as before. Spoke of the extinction as before. Spoke of the practice he had borne in the practice shoots. When I went into the room the men were sitting there and afterwards Captain Good announced the object of the meeting. I was first to leave, the rest followed me. Never heard Captain Good say "this drill of the sailors; if they want to put a man over us why don't they put a soldier." Was in parade on July 4. Heard Captain Good say "it guide right." Practice shooting was discontinued after May 1. Until June 20 when it was revived for about two weeks.

Cross-examined—Captain Good said "the government does not seem to appreciate our services. Did not hear him allude to the cut in the pay, though he may have. We understood that he referred to the reduction. Had discussed among the men the advisability of going in; heard several of the best shots say they did not care to go in. My impression is that Neeley was one of the men who opposed shooting in the first contest. Did not hear Captain Good advance the suggestion that it would have to be shot for three times and it was not necessary to shoot the first time. It was quite common to hear Captain Good refer to the riot drill as the "sailor drill." Have heard him use the expression "According to the latest interpretation." It is my opinion that it was a sort of criticism of the Colonel's action. (At this point Major Cooper left the hall to answer an earnest call at the hospital.)

Objections raised by attorney Robertson regarding method of cross-examination. Objections overruled.

Have not heard remarks repeatedly but on the occasions which I have stated. I understood these remarks implied that he did not agree with the Colonel in teaching the men. It was generally believed that there was an ill feeling between the two officers, and when anything of this sort was said the men generally attributed it to this ill feeling. Have heard criticism

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